

SAFETY RECALL

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EVENFLO "JOY RIDE"

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INADVERTENT CARRY HANDLE RELEASE

AFFECTED SEATS

Approximately 3.4 million Evenflo "Joy Ride" Rear-Facing Infant Car Seats/Carriers manufactured from January 1988 through December 1998 (entire production). The seats have model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435, and 493. Some of the seats were sold with a stroller as the "Travel Tandem." The model number and the date of manufacture of the seat are on a label located on the bottom or side of the seat.

DEFECT

These car seats are equipped with a carrying handle and may also be used as an infant carrier. When used as an infant carrier, the handle locks can suddenly and unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

REMEDY

Evenflo will provide a free repair kit that is designed to prevent the inadvertent release of the handle locks.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

The seats are safe for continued use as a car seat. However, until the repair kit is installed, owners **should not** carry the seat by the handle. The seat can be carried by using the hand holds at each end of the seat. The repair kit is very easy to install and only takes a few minutes. To receive the free repair kit, consumers should call Evenflo at 1-800-557-3178 at any time, or visit the website at <http://www.joyridecarseat.com/>.





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CPSC, NHTSA, Evenflo Announce Recall to Repair Evenflo® Joyride® Car Seats/Carriers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Evenflo Co. Inc., of Vandalia, Ohio, is recalling about 3.4 million Joyride® infant car seats/carriers. When the seat is used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

There have been 240 reports, in the United States, of handles unexpectedly releasing, resulting in 97 injuries. These reports include skull fractures, concussions, a broken leg, and numerous scratches and bruises.

"Evenflo is offering a free repair to prevent the seat from flipping forward," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "It's an easy repair to make, and it is designed to protect your baby from a very serious injury."

"Riding in a car seat in the vehicle's rear seat is the safest way to transport young children in a motor vehicle," said NHTSA Executive Director Bob Shelton. "The recall announced today is related to only using the seat as a carrier and not to how the seat performs while in a car. Parents should continue to use these carriers as car seats."

The recall involves all Evenflo Joyride® car seats/carriers, which are white or gray plastic with seat pads of various colors and patterns. "Evenflo Joyride Car Seat/Carrier" is written on the outside of the handle locks. The seats have model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435 or 493, which can be found on a label underneath or on the side the car seat/carrier.

Juvenile product, mass merchandise and major discount stores nationwide sold the car seats/carriers from January 1988 through December 1998 for about \$30 when sold alone, \$48 when sold as a Travel Tandem® (with a detachable convenience base), and \$89 when sold with a matching stroller.

Evenflo will provide consumers with a free easy-to-install repair kit that helps secure the handle. Consumers should not carry the seat by the handle until it has been repaired. CPSC, NHTSA and Evenflo remind caregivers to always restrain infants according to the instructions when in the car seat/carrier.

To receive a free repair kit, call Evenflo toll-free at (800) 557-3178 anytime, or visit the website at <http://www.joyridecarseat.com/>. Consumers should have the car seat in front of them when they call or access the website. Consumers with questions about this recall campaign should call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or visit CPSC's website at www.cpsc.gov. Information also is available at the NHTSA's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) DASH-2-DOT (327-4236) or visit NHTSA's website at www.nhtsa.gov.

The recall results from a cooperative investigation conducted by NHTSA and CPSC, which has led to several recalls in the industry for similar problems.



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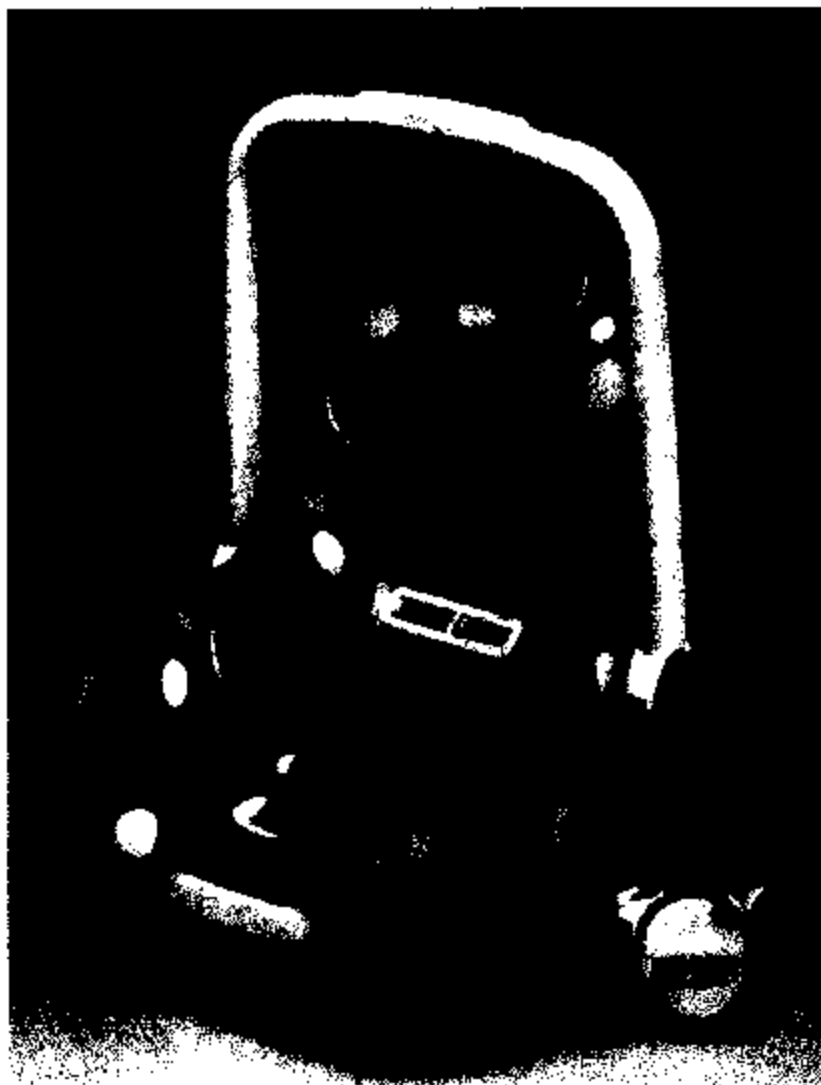
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(also sold with a convenience base as a Travel Tandem®)

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Consumers may continue to use the Joyride as a car seat in an automobile.